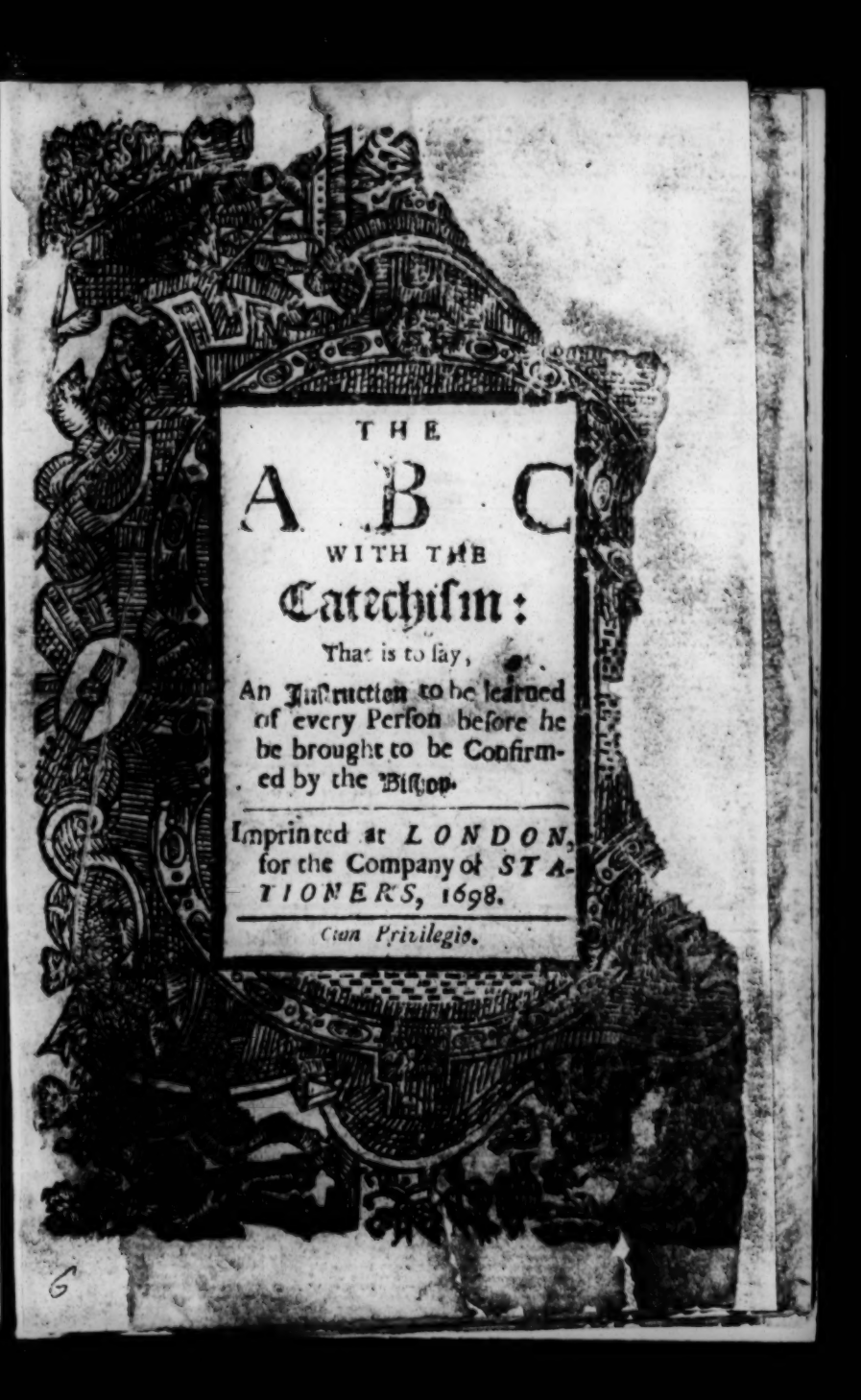

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CATECHISME:

That is to say, An Instruction to be learned of every Person before he be brought to be Confirmed by the Bishop.

Master.

What is your Name?

Scholar.

N. or M.

Master.

Who gave you this Name?

Scholar.

My God-fathers and God-mothers in my Baptism, wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Master.

What did your God-fathers and God-mothers then for you?

Scholar.

They did promise and vow three things in my name. First, That I should renounce the Devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked World, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh. Secondly, That I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. And thirdly, That I should keep Gods holy Will and Commandments, and walk in the same all the dayes of my life.

Master

Master.

Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe and to do as they have promised for thee?

Scholar.

Yes verily: and by Gods help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father that he hath called me to this state of salvation through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my lives end.

Master.

Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

Scholar.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate: Was Crucified, dead and buried: He descended into Hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead: I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholick Church: The communion of Saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the Body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

Master.

What doſt thou chiefly learn in theſe Articles of thy Belief?

Scholar.

First; I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me and all the World. Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me and all man-kind. Thirdly, in God the holy Ghoſt, who ſanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

Maſter.

You ſaid that your god fathers and godmothers did promiſe for you, that you ſhould keep Gods Commandments: Tell me how many there be.

Scholar.

Ten.

Maſter.

Which be they?

Scholar.

THE ſame which God ſpake in the xx. Chapter of Exodus, ſaying: I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the houſe of Bondage.

i. Thou ſhalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

ii. Thou ſhalt not make to thy ſelf any graven Image, nor the likeneſs of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath

neath, or in the Water under the Earth: Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth generation, of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my Commandments.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

iii. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

iv. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day; Six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do: but the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy man-servant and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

v. Honour thy Father and thy Mother: that thy dayes may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

vi. Thou ſhalt do no murther.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

vii. Thou ſhalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

viii. Thou ſhalt not ſteal.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

ix. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy Neighbour.

Lord have mercy upon us, &c.

x. Thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbours Houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbours Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Aſs, nor any thing that is his.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all theſe thy Laws in our hearts we beſeech thee.

Maſter.

What doſt thou chiefly learn by theſe Commandments?

Scholar.

I learn two things: My duty towards God, and my duty towards my Neighbour.

Maſter.

What is thy duty towards God?

Scholar.

My duty towards God, is, to believe in him, to fear him, to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my ſoul, and with all my ſtrength: To worſhip him; To

give

him, ¶ To call upon him; to confesse his name, and to geue him thankes; ¶ To obey his holy will and commaundements in all thinges.

Scholar.

Why doest thou call him thy father?

Master.

For he is my louyng father, and careth for me as a father doth for his chylde.

Scholar.

Why doest thou honour him?

Master.

Because he is my Lorde and Maister, and I am his seruaunt.

Scholar.

Why doest thou feare him?

Master.

Because he is my Iudge, and can punish me greuously if I offende his holy will.

Scholar.

Why doest thou loue him?

Master.

Because he loueth me, and is ready to forgeue me my synnes, and to receyue me into his fauour.

Scholar.

Why doest thou beleeue in him?

Master.

Because he hath promised in his holy Gospell to be my God and Sauiour, if I repent me truely of my synnes, and beleeue his holy word.

Scholar.

Why doest thou put thy trust in him?

Master.

Because he is able to do me good, and to helpe me in all my necessities.

Scholar.

Why doest thou loue him?

Master.

Because he loued me first, and sent his deare sonne Iesus Christ to dye for me, that I might liue through him.

Scholar.

Why doest thou feare him?

Master.

Because he is the righteous Iudge of the whole world, which will punish all sinners, and rewarde the godly.

Scholar.

Why doest thou serue him?

Master.

Because he commaundeth me to serue him, and hath promised to rewarde me for my seruice.

Scholar.

Why doest thou call upon him?

Master.

Because he commaundeth me to call upon him in all my troubles, and hath promised to heare my prayer, and helpe me.

Scholar.

Why doest thou thanke him?

Master.

Because he hath created me, and all other creatures, and hath geuen me all things that I haue, and doth preserue me in them.

Scholar.

Why doest thou confesse thy synnes vnto him?

Master.

Because he knoweth them all, and I cannot hide them from him, and he hath promised to forgeue them, if I confesse them vnfeynedly.

Scholar.

Why doest thou aske him forgeuenesse of thy synnes?

Master.

Because I am a synner, and cannot make satisfaction for them my selfe.

Scholar.

Why doest thou beleeue that he will forgeue thy synnes?

Master.

Because he hath promised so in his holy word, and confirmed it by his death and resurrection.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire to be deliuered from euill?

Master.

Because I am in the power of the deuill, and he seeketh continually my destruction.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire to be kept from temptation?

Master.

Because I am weake, and cannot withstand it, vnlesse God strengthen me.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire to be made holy?

Master.

Because I am vncleane, and cannot come into the kingdome of heauen, vnlesse I be made holy.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire to liue?

Master.

Because I am in the state of grace, and shall liue for euer.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire to dye?

Master.

Because I shall be deliuered from all miseries of this life, and shall be with Christ my Sauiour.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire the resurrection of the dead?

Master.

Because I shall receyue my body glorified, and shall be made perfect both in body and soule.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire the life euerlasting?

Master.

Because I shall be with God, and Christ, and all the holy Angels, and Saints, and shall see God face to face, and shall be partaker of all his glory.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire the day of iudgement?

Master.

Because I shall be iudged of Christ my Sauiour, and shall receyue the crowne of glory.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire the ende of the world?

Master.

Because I shall be deliuered from all sinne, and shall liue in perfect ioy and blisse.

Scholar.

Why doest thou desire heauen?

Master.

Because I shall be with God, and Christ, and all the holy Angels, and Saints, and shall see God face to face, and shall be partaker of all his glory.

walk in the Commandments of God, and to ... him without his special grace, which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer.

Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lords prayer.

Scholar.

OUr Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, Amen.

Master.

What desirest thou of God in this prayer?

Scholar.

I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace unto me, and to all people, that we may worship him, serve him, and obey him as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will send us all things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies: and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins, and that it will please him to save and defend us from all dangers ghostly and bodily: and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from ever-

lasting

laſting death. And this I truſt he will do of his mercy and goodneſs, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: And therefore I ſay, Amen; ſo be it.

Maſter.

How many Sacraments hath Chriſt ordained in his Church?

Scholar.

Two onely, as generally neceſſary to ſalvation: that is to ſay, Baptiſme and the Supper of the Lord.

Maſter.

What meaneſt thou by this word Sacrament?

Scholar.

I mean an outward and viſible ſign of an inward and ſpiritual grace, given unto us ordained by Chriſt himſelf, as a means whereby we receive the ſame, and as a pledge to aſſure us thereof.

Maſter.

How many parts be there in a Sacrament?

Scholar.

Two: the outward viſible ſigne, and the inward ſpiritual grace.

Maſter.

What is the outward viſible ſign, or forme in Baptiſme?

Scholar.

Water, wherein the perſon is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt.

Maſter.

Maſter.

What is the inward and ſpiritual grace?

Scholar.

A death unto ſin, and a new birth unto righteouſneſs: for, being by nature born in ſin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the Children of grace.

Maſter.

What is required of perſons to be baptized?

Scholar.

Repentance, whereby they forſake ſin; and Faith, whereby they ſtedfaſtly believe the promiſes of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Maſter.

Why then are Infants baptized, when by reaſon of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Scholar.

Becauſe they promiſe them both by their Sureties: which promiſe, when they come to age, themſelves are bound to perform.

Maſter.

Why was the Sacrament of the Lords Supper ordained?

Scholar.

For the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of the death of Chriſt, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Maſter.

What is the outward part or ſign of the Lords Supper?

Scholar.

Scholar.

Bread and Wine, which the commanded to be received.

Maſter.

What is the inward part or thing

Scholar.

The Body and Blood of Chriſt, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lords Supper.

Maſter.

What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Scholar.

The ſtrengthening and refreſhing of our ſouls by the Body and Blood of Chriſt, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Maſter.

What is required of them who come to the Lords Supper?

Scholar.

To examine themſelves, whether they repent them truly of their former ſins, ſtedfaſtly purpoſing to lead a new life: have a lively Faith in Gods mercy through Chriſt, with a thankful remembrance of his death, and be in Charity with all Men.

The end of the Catechiſme.

Graces.

Graces before meat.

THe eyes of all things do look up and trust in thee, O Lord: Thou givest them meat in due season: Thou openest thy hand and fillest with thy blessing every living thing. God Lord bless us, and all the gifts which we receive of thy bounteous liberality through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God save his Church our King, and Realm,
And send us Peace in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Grace after meat.

THe King of eternal glory, make us partakers of his heavenly table. Amen.
God save his Church, King, and Realm,
And send us peace in Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Grace before meat.

WHether we eat or drink, saith Saint Paul, or whatsoever ye do else, let all be done to the glory and praise of God. Amen.
God save his Church, King, and Realm,
And send us peace in Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Grace

Graces.

Grace after meat.

THe God of all glory and power, [illegible] hath created, redeemed, and presently [illegible] be blessed and praised, both now and [illegible] more. Amen.
God save his Church, our King, and Realm,
And send us Peace in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace before meat.

CHrist which at his last Supper gave himself unto us, promising his body to be crucified, and his blood to be shed for our sins, bless us and our meat. Amen.
God save his Church, our King, and Realm,
And send us Peace in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace after meat.

GRant, O most merciful Father, that our hunger and thirst being satisfied with the moderate use of these thy gifts, sanctified with thy holy word, that we may both in body and mind be apt and able to do good works, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.
God save his Church, our King, and Realm,
And send us Peace in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace before meat.

GLory, Honour, and Praise be given to thee, O Lord, which dost feed us from our

[illegible]nder [illegible]e, [illegible] givest sustenance to every living thin[illegible] re[illegible]nish our hearts with joy & gladness, t[illegible] always having sufficient, may be rich an[illegible] plentiful in good works, through our Lo[illegible] Jesus Christ. Amen.

God save his Church, our King and Realm.
And send us peace in Christ our Lord, Amen.

Grace after meat.

WHatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks unto God the Father by him.

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honour, power, and might, be unto our God for evermore. Amen.

This little Catechism learned
by heart (for so it ought)
The PRIMER next commanded
is for Children to be taught.

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